

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Ray Ashburg on June 18, 2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

In Claim 23, Lines 5 – 6, "the froth of Claim 1, 2, 3, 4" has been substituted by -- any one of the froths of Claims 1, 2, 3, and 4--.

The following is an examiner's statement for reasons for allowance: The closest prior art of record does not teach an aqueous froth consisting essentially of the components set forth in Claim 1. As indicated in applicant's remarks received May 13, 2008, Senda et al. (US 4,540,718) teach a foamable composition comprising a copolymer of ethylene and an α -olefin which requires the use of a volatile foaming agent. The current amendments to the claims provide for a composition in which such a foaming agent is necessarily excluded.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should clearly be labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MELISSA WINKLER whose telephone number is (571)270-3305. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 7:30AM - 5PM E.S.T..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mark Eashoo can be reached on (571)272-1197. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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